GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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EXPORT OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton growers in the country have been happy after the international shippers have turned their attention towards Indian cotton;

(b) if so, whether the good projections of domestic production have attracted and shown keen interest by the certain countries including Bangladesh, Indonesia;

(c) if so, the extent to which the Asian counties such as Thailand have sought more import of cotton from India to take advantage of the prices;

(d) the extent to which the India has been able to receive the orders; and

(e) the details of the cotton export of each of the last three years in varieties, country-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) The present international prices of cotton are ruling higher than the prices prevailing in India, which is a positive sign for Indian Cotton Growers.

(b) The price differentials regarding cotton in India and in the international market and likelihood of a good harvest of cotton in India have evoked positive enquiries regarding import of cotton from India. This includes enquiries from Bangladesh, Italy, Hongkong and England.

(c) & (d) The export of cotton is mainly executed by private parties. Unless, the exports are actually shipped, it is difficult to provide exact details of the Asian countries which are presently importing cotton from India alongwith the extent of imports involved.

(e) Export of cotton from India during last three years, country-wise is as under:-

Quantity - In Bales
Value - Rs. Crores

COUNTRY	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02	
	QNTY	VALUE	QNTY	VALUE	QNTY	VALUE
ARGENTINA	-	-	102	0.01	-	-
ANGOLA	-	-	-	-	176	0.16
BAHARAIN	-	-	22	0.01	-	-
BANGLA DESH	1798	2.11	8342	10.84	1080	0.95
BELGIUM	3966	3.08	3866	2.58	7091	4.06
CANADA	105	0.06	542	0.36	222	0.19
CHINESE TAIPEI	1588	0.96	-	-	-	-
CZECH REPUBLIC	-	-	-	-	Neg.	0.0001
EGYPT	148	0.24	-	-	-	-
FRANCE	10715	6.94	3417	2.23	2142	1.25
GERMAN REP	2162	1.54	2810	1.97	-	-
GREECE	30	0.03	61	0.04	-	-
INDONESIA	-	-	-	-	1202	0.68
ITALY	-	-	6	0.004	74	0.03
JAPAN	27538	23.17	19881	15.24	18551	19.70
LEBANON	-	-	-	-	1	0.0015
MALAYSIA	-	-	13951	12.86	8395	7.35
MAURITIUS	41	0.02	-	-	Neg.	0.0004
NEPAL	241	0.19	2311	1.54	1328	0.775
NETHERLAND	47	0.04	71	0.05	-	-
PORTUGAL	-	-	585	0.67	1274	0.64
SINGAPORE	54	0.06	-	-	-	-
SRILANKA	215	0.19	98	0.05	-	-
SWEDEN	16	0.02	-	-	-	-
SWITZERLAND	-	-	1001	0.64	-	-
SOUTH AFRICA	80	0.03	24	0.24	-	-
TANZANIA	-	-	34	0.04	-	-
THAILAND	-	-	1199	0.73	428	0.24
TURKEY	247	0.25	512	0.50	-	-
UAE	-	-	19	0.02	-	-
UGANDA	-	-	19	0.009	-	-
UK	32	0.02	291	0.23	16	0.0089
USA	380	0.36	178	0.12	1881	3.04
VIETNAM	-	-	1009	0.65	-	-
TOTAL	49405	39.313	60351	51.43	43861	39.07

Source: FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS OF INDIA VOL-I(DGCIS, CALCUTTA)